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In re Application of

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DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER M.P.E.P. 708.02, VI

For: HYDROGEN PERMEABLE MEMBRANE FOR

USE IN FUEL CELLS. AND PARTIAL

REFORMATE FUEL CELL SYSTEM HAVING

REFORMING CATALYSTS IN THE ANODE

**FUEL CELL COMPARTMENT** 

This is in response to the petition filed August 20, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 (VI) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c).

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly the petition is granted.

The petition is GRANTED.

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